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## **The End is Near...but in a good way!!!**

As we near the end of another fall semester, we are reminded of all the things we have accomplished this semester and the many things to be thankful for as we near the end of 2016.

As we look back, it hasn't been a walk in the park. We made it through a crazy election, including all of the Facebook political posts. We struggled with our emotions through the devastating premiere episode of The Walking Dead. We persevered through edit code 68 and the new override system (barely). We've had our challenges, but with grit (LOTS of grit) we can make it through anything!

We also know as the end nears that finals are coming and grades will be due. Final exams are scheduled for **Dec. 8-14**. The final exams schedule can be found on the website under "Academic Calendars." The window for posting final grades on the web for the current fall 2016 term opens **Dec. 7** and will remain open until **4:30 pm on Dec. 16**.

The conclusion to any great semester is commencement. Commencement will be held Thursday, December 15th at 1 pm in the Nemzek Fieldhouse. Your presence at commencement to help celebrate the achievements of our graduates is meaningful and valued by everyone! The Registrar's Office is always looking for volunteers to help out with the ceremony, so if you are willing please let us know.

## **The Edit 68 Drama Continues...**

We have been alerted to an issue with the new edit 68 pre-req code. On the course descriptions and outlines page on the website, the pre-reqs are showing on the webpage directly under the course; however when you click on the PDF of the course outline, some or all of the pre-reqs have not been displaying. The issue is that if a pre-req on a course is not being enforced (just recommending), it will not display on the PDF course outline. We have been working feverishly with MnSCU for a resolution to this and they think their fix will be in place very soon. So never fear...it will be resolved soon!

## **College Scheduler...**

*Simplify Student Scheduling.  
Enhance Degree Planning.  
Revolutionize Registration.*



More details coming soon!

## **FEATURED BOSSY MEME:**





## New Release of Student Information Form

We are beyond excited to announce the release of the all new, all electronic, completely submittable online release of student information form, or as we like to call it “**ROSI!**” The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships and the Registrar’s Office, along with our fantastic IT experts, have all collaborated to create one release form for the Office of Scholarship & Financial Aid, Registrar’s Office, Business Services and Office of Student Conduct. Once a student submits the form, the release will stay on the student’s record and no longer expire after one year. A student has the option to rescind the release at any time. Links to the new form can be found under “**forms**” on each of the office’s webpages.

### **What we’ve been up to...**

- ▶ The **National College Source User Conference** was held in June in San Diego, CA. Heather Soleim, Sarah Jegela, and Gail Schmidt were in attendance to learn more about DARS, Transferology, and TES.
- ▶ The **National AVECO Conference** (Association of Veterans Education Certifying Officials) was held in July in St. Louis, MO. Gail Schmidt was in attendance.
- ▶ Heather Soleim was invited to attend the **Women’s Leadership Conference** in September in Hollywood, CA. While she says she was learning to become a better leader, sources tell us she was intensely lobbying for followers in her continued quest for world domination.
- ▶ Heather Soleim and Sarah Jegela attended training at the **Waite Parke Quarry Center** on the new edit code 68 in September. The training session was appropriately titled “Ways we can mess up your life.”
- ▶ The **DARS/Transfer User Conference** was held in October at Cragun’s Resort in Brainerd, MN. Sarah Jegela, Gail Schmidt, and Ivy Tysver were in attendance along with Jim Anderson and Jolene Richardson from MSUM.
- ▶ Heather Soleim and Sarah Jegela attended the **MN State Registrar’s Meeting** at Hennepin Technical College in October. There’s nothing like a room full of Type A’s!
- ▶ The **Regional UMACRAO Conference** (Upper Midwest Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers) was held in November at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria, MN. Heather Soleim was the local arrangements chair for the event and is also the new president. Sarah Jegela and Gail Schmidt were also in attendance.

## Transfer Pathways

**Transfer Pathways** is a new program to ensure that Minnesota State Colleges students who complete associate degree programs (AA, AS, and AFA) can transfer seamlessly to Minnesota State Universities. It is a curriculum plan for a student who plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree after completing an associate degree. Transfer pathways are being developed for 30 majors and programs in Minnesota State institutions.

Each transfer pathway will describe all of the lower-division major content and competency requirements needed to prepare students to enroll in the major at the university. The pathway will identify any necessary pre-requisite courses, as well as the general education courses needed for the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC). The lower-division curriculum will also include any experiential learning activities required for the university major or program (e.g., service learning, internships, undergraduate research). Students who have completed a transfer pathway associate degree will transfer into the university at a junior level. They will be eligible for admission to the major in the same way and on the same basis as direct-entry university students.

The four programs that have been approved to be effective fall 2017 are biology, psychology, business, and theatre arts. The Registrar’s Office has been working with these departments for plans on how credits will transfer and how curriculum will be set.

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